

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated December 2, 2005. Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3 and 6-9 based on the following references: Polster '874, Renshaw '153, and Sakuma '422. Claims 2, 8 and 9 have been canceled. In view of the amendments above, and the remarks below, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and allowance of the pending claims.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because in Fig. 6, reference character "38" was used to designate both upper triple clamp and left upper fork leg. The Applicant had made a typographical error and now is submitting a corrected drawing sheet, properly designating upper triple clamp with reference number "38" and left upper fork leg with reference number "34." No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the term "its" was considered indefinite by the Examiner. Claim 6 has been amended for clarity.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Polster '874. Claim 1 has been amended with all the limitations of claim 2, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Polster '874 in view of Renshaw '153. Claim 3 depends on newly amended claim 1 and should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma '422 in view of Polster '874. To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the prior art reference must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. MPEP 2143. Neither Sakuma or Polster teach or suggest a bar cap extending into a second end of the second cylinder. The Applicant does not see how a shouldered indent can be a cap.

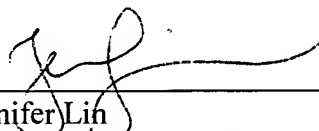
Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 2. Claims 4 and 5 were allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing the indicated claims.

The Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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